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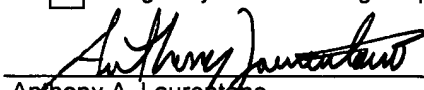
Invention: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEAL-INTEGRATED SEPARATOR

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### AMENDMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003, please amend the pending application as follows.

**In the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 17-20. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Figs. 17-20. In Figs. 17-20, a legend "Prior Art" is added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet